

**Remarks**

Consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 remain in the application. Claims 1-3, 7-11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19-21 are subject to examination and claims 4-6, 12, 15, 18, and 22 have been withdrawn from examination.

In the Restriction Requirement dated July 28, 2005, the Examiner set forth an election/restriction requirement requiring selection of either **Species A**, consisting of claims 1-4, 7-14, 16, 17 and 19-22 drawn to an adaptor module between a XENPAK module and an XPAX board assembly; **Species B**, consisting of claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 14-21 drawn to an adaptor module between a XENPAK module and an X2 board assembly; or **Species C**, consisting of claims 1-3, 7-11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19-21, drawn to an adapter module between a XENPAK module and an XFP board assembly.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's restriction of the invention in "Election/Restrictions" item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified final Office Action on page 2 and respectfully elect **Species C** consisting of claims 1-3, 7-11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19-21, without traverse. Accordingly, applicants withdraw unelected claims 4-6, 12, 15, 18, and 22 without prejudice. However, the applicants respectfully maintain their right to rejoinder should allowable claims be found in the instant application.

**Conclusion**

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1509 or Al AuYeung, with whom the Examiner conducted the initial teleconference

regarding the election, at (503) 796-2437. The Commissioner if hereby authorized to charge shortages and/or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,  
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